



## Erwin Bacon

April 20, 2024

### ERWIN J. BACON

CORNISH - Erwin James Bacon, 89, died Saturday April 20, 2024 in Foley, Alabama after a brief illness.

Erwin was born at home on March 31, 1935 in Naples, Maine, the second son and third child of James A. Bacon of Mercer, ME and Gladys (Chaplin) Bacon of Naples, ME. The family followed James' road construction jobs all over the Northeast, so Erwin attended more than eight elementary schools before enrolling in Gould Academy in Bethel, ME, and graduating in 1953. A talented athlete, he excelled in whatever sport he pursued. His senior year, he captained the football team, and in track, he was the 1953 Maine State Champion in high-jump, javelin and shot-put. Erwin was a fearless Alpine skier, successfully skiing Mount Washington's Tuckerman's Ravine several times. He received his BA in Physical Education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio in 1958, and subsequently attended Central Connecticut State University for advanced study in Education.

Erwin was a lifelong outdoorsman, serial entrepreneur, and accomplished builder. He was a pilot for 28 years and built both his own float plane and the hangar to store it in. He owned his own construction company in Connecticut and taught Industrial Arts in the Winsted and East Hartford, CT schools. He served as a Volunteer Firefighter for 13 years, rising to Lieutenant. Erwin designed and built numerous houses and stores: he and his wife, Maureen, owned North Woods Real Estate in Millinocket, ME and the North Woods

Trading Post outside Baxter State Park, for over 30 years. When most people would begin to consider retirement, Erwin and Maureen bought a beautiful, sloping hillside in Cornish, ME with a view of Mount Washington and planted thousands of highbush blueberries, establishing Pleasant View Blueberry Farm. Erwin was always in motion, even at 89.

He was a supremely gifted singer with a glorious baritone. He performed as a soloist in regional performances including Messiah and The Holy City. When he was not the star soloist in the choir, his voice shook the pews of churches in Naples, ME, Gulf Shores, AL, and Cornish, ME. People in the forward rows would slowly turn their heads to see who sang so deeply and so beautifully. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 50 years, Maureen (Sullivan) Bacon. He is also survived by his younger sister, Rosalie B. Mosher (Mark), of Gorham, ME, and three children from a prior marriage to Charlotte (Bidwell) Bacon: Molly B. Shakeri (Behzad) of Maryland; Sarah Jane Hall {David} of Massachusetts Seth Bacon (Sandra) of Pennsylvania; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides his parents, Erwin was predeceased by his older sister, Louisa Duffus (Jim) as well as his older brother, Malcolm Bacon (Rachel).

He will be sorely missed.

Memorial Service will be held for him on Friday, May 31st at 1:00pm at the Cornish United Church of Christ, 37 Main Street, Cornish, ME.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences from the members of the Simsbury Volunteer Fire Company.  
We the members visit our Honorary Life Members who have passed and would like to know where Erwin has been laid to rest. I did stop and visit in 2019. I can be reached at [kbeliveau@simsburyfd.org](mailto:kbeliveau@simsburyfd.org),  
Kenneth Beliveau*

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**Kenneth F Beliveau** - November 21, 2024 at 03:25 PM

TO

“ *Hello Maureen,  
My deepest condolences to you on the loss of your husband, Erwin.  
I will always have fond memories of time spent with you both. I hope you are feeling well. God bless, Toni*

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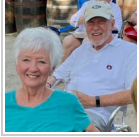
**Toni** - September 20, 2024 at 02:31 PM

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“ *I have such fond memories of Erwin and Maureen showing us the winter landscape snowmobiling the Katahdin Region. He gave me a ride in the seaplane he built at the Greenville seaplane fly-in one year when I worked there as chamber director. I imagine he and Rick LeVasseur are having a discussion of favorite trips on snowmobile to whitecap mountain right now!*

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**Toni** - September 19, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ I was one of the “forward pew” people who turned around to see who was singing! 🎵 🎶  
This was in Gulf Shores Merhidust Church where I fell in love with both Maureen and Erwin! I looked forward every late fall when they would come down from Maine for 5-6 months of warmer weather! I will truly miss my sweet friend Erwin but hope to see Maureen this fall! 💕 🙏

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**Sandy Williams** - June 08, 2024 at 06:03 PM

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“ I remember Mr. Bacon (Erwin) fro Center school, East Hartford. He was the shop teacher and would always give me the extra wood chips from his classes. Super nice man. Maureen and family my sincere condolences. I'm glad I was able to take a few trips to see you both on your beautiful Blueberry farm.

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**Karen Kachnowski Nowak** - May 17, 2024 at 06:55 PM

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“ Erwin will always occupy a corner of my consciousness as the brief owner of a homebuilt amphibian plane called an Anderson Kingfisher. I had been his primary flight instructor and had agreed to help him fly it from below West Palm Beach in Florida up to Simsbury airport. The trip took five days that seemed longer than that. We couldn't start the engine at first, but a "mechanic" replaced the carburetor with a used one and it started. (later found that the carburetor was for a 100 HP engine of a different make than the 125 HP engine that we were supposed to have for the plan. Opps) Later on the trip up north, we stopped for fuel, and a grizzled mechanic came out of a hangar to refuel us. The mechanic thought he was on Candid Camera - who could blame him as the plane's fuseedge was by then smeared with black colored oil over what was probably house paint. Erin (handyman that he was) had "fixed" the issue earlier with a borrowed coat hanger by rodding out a clogged, oil crankcase breather tube.  
Goodbye Erwin, and good luck.

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Peter Fairchild - May 17, 2024 at 03:52 PM